

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 403

BY TRANSPORTATION AND DEFENSE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES; AMENDING SECTION 49-402, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE  
A CODE REFERENCE AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING CHAPTER  
4, TITLE 49, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 49-420M, IDAHO  
CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR IDAHO 4-H PLATES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 49-402, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby  
amended to read as follows:

49-402. ANNUAL REGISTRATION. (1) The annual fee for operating each  
pickup truck, each neighborhood electric vehicle and each other motor ve-  
hicle having a maximum gross weight not in excess of eight thousand (8,000)  
pounds and that complies with the federal motor vehicle safety standards as  
defined in section 49-107, Idaho Code, shall be:

Vehicles one (1) and two (2) years old .....	\$48.00
Vehicles three (3) and four (4) years old .....	\$36.00
Vehicles five (5) and six (6) years old .....	\$36.00
Vehicles seven (7) and eight (8) years old .....	\$24.00
Vehicles over eight (8) years old .....	\$24.00

There shall be twelve (12) registration periods, starting in January  
for holders of validation registration stickers numbered 1, and proceed-  
ing consecutively through December for holders of validation registration  
stickers numbered 12, each of which shall start on the first day of a calendar  
month and end on the last day of the twelfth month from the first day of the  
beginning month. Registration periods shall expire midnight on the last day  
of the registration period in the year designated by the validation regis-  
tration sticker. The numeral digit on the validation registration stickers  
shall, as does the registration card, fix the registration period under the  
staggered registration system for the purpose of reregistration and notice  
of expiration.

A vehicle that has once been registered for any of the above designated  
periods shall, upon reregistration, be registered for the period bearing the  
same number, and the registration card shall show and be the exclusive proof  
of the expiration date of registration and licensing. Vehicles may be ini-  
tially registered for less than a twelve (12) month period, or for more than a  
twelve (12) month period, and the fee prorated on a monthly basis if the frac-  
tional registration tends to fulfill the purpose of the monthly series reg-  
istration system.

(2) For all school buses operated either by a nonprofit, nonpublic  
school or operated pursuant to a service contract with a school district for  
transporting children to or from school or in connection with school ap-  
proved activities, the annual fee shall be twenty-four dollars (\$24.00) and

1 shall be subject to staggered registration for the purpose of reregistration  
2 and notice of expiration.

3 (3) For all motorcycles and motor-driven cycles which comply with the  
4 federal motor vehicle safety standards, operated upon the public highways,  
5 the annual fee shall be nine dollars (\$9.00) and shall be subject to stag-  
6 gered registration for the purpose of reregistration and notice of expira-  
7 tion.

8 (4) For operation of an all-terrain vehicle, utility type vehicle or  
9 motorbike, excluding a motorbike with an engine displacement of fifty (50)  
10 cubic centimeters or less, on city, county or highway district roads or  
11 highways open to such use, a restricted vehicle license plate fee pursuant  
12 to section 49-450, Idaho Code, shall be paid. In addition, the registration  
13 fee specified in section 67-7122, Idaho Code, shall be paid as provided in  
14 section 67-7122, Idaho Code. The registration and restricted vehicle li-  
15 cense plate exemption provided in section 49-426(2), Idaho Code, applies  
16 to all-terrain vehicles, utility type vehicles, motorbikes and motorcycles  
17 used for the purposes described in subsection (2) of section 49-426, Idaho  
18 Code. Nonresidents shall be allowed to purchase a restricted vehicle li-  
19 cense plate and sticker for an all-terrain vehicle, utility type vehicle or  
20 motorbike.

21 (5) For all motor homes the fee shall be as specified in subsection (1)  
22 of this section and shall be in addition to the fees provided for in section  
23 49-445, Idaho Code.

24 (6) Registration fees shall not be subject to refund.

25 (7) A person who applies for motor vehicle registration or motor ve-  
26 hicle registration renewal may designate a voluntary contribution of two  
27 dollars (\$2.00) for the purpose of promoting and supporting organ donation.  
28 Such a contribution shall be treated as a voluntary contribution to the organ  
29 donation contribution fund created in section 49-2447, Idaho Code, and not  
30 as a motor vehicle registration fee. Each voluntary contribution of two  
31 dollars (\$2.00), less actual administrative costs associated with collect-  
32 ing and transferring such contributions, shall be deposited into the organ  
33 donation contribution fund.

34 (8) A financial institution or repossession service contracted to  
35 a financial institution repossessing vehicles under the terms of a secu-  
36 rity agreement shall move the vehicle from the place of repossession to the  
37 financial institution's place of business on a repossession plate. The  
38 repossession plate shall also be used for demonstrating the vehicle to a  
39 prospective purchaser for a period not to exceed ninety-six (96) hours. The  
40 registration fees for repossession plates shall be as required in subsection  
41 (1) of this section for a vehicle one (1) and two (2) years old. All other  
42 fees required under chapter 4, title 49, Idaho Code, shall be in addition to  
43 the registration fee. The repossession plate shall be subject to staggered  
44 registration for the purpose of reregistration and notice of expiration.

45 (9) A wrecker or towing business engaged in the process of towing motor-  
46 ized vehicles, which have been wrecked, abandoned, salvaged or may be dis-  
47 abled, may apply for a wrecker plate to be displayed on those vehicles being  
48 towed, provided the power unit is properly registered under this chapter.  
49 The registration fees for wrecker plates shall be as required in subsection  
50 (1) of this section for a vehicle one (1) and two (2) years old. All other

1 fees required under chapter 4, title 49, Idaho Code, shall be in addition to  
 2 the registration fee and shall be subject to staggered registration for the  
 3 purpose of reregistration and notice of expiration.

4 (10) In addition to the annual registration fee in this section, there  
 5 shall be an initial program fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and an an-  
 6 nual program fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for all special license plate  
 7 programs for those license plates issued pursuant to sections 49-404A,  
 8 49-407, 49-408, 49-409, 49-414, 49-416, 49-418 and 49-418D, Idaho Code. For  
 9 special plates issued pursuant to sections 49-406 and 49-406A, Idaho Code,  
 10 there shall be an initial program fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) but  
 11 there shall be no annual renewal fee. For special plates issued pursuant  
 12 to sections 49-415C, 49-415D, 49-415E, 49-416A, 49-416B, 49-416C, 49-416D,  
 13 49-416E, 49-417, 49-417A, 49-417B, 49-417C, 49-417D, 49-417E, 49-418A,  
 14 49-418B, 49-418C, 49-418E, 49-419, 49-419A, 49-419B, 49-419C, 49-419D,  
 15 49-419E, 49-420, 49-420A, 49-420B, 49-420C, 49-420D, 49-420E, 49-420G,  
 16 49-420H, 49-420I, 49-420J, 49-420K, and 49-420L and 49-420M, Idaho Code,  
 17 and any new special plate program effective on and after January 1, 2013,  
 18 pursuant to section 49-402D, Idaho Code, there shall be an initial program  
 19 fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) and an annual program fee of twenty-five  
 20 dollars (\$25.00). The fees contained in this subsection shall be applicable  
 21 to all new special plate programs and shall be subject to staggered registra-  
 22 tion for the purpose of reregistration and notice of expiration. The initial  
 23 program fee and the annual program fee shall be deposited in the state high-  
 24 way account and shall be used to fund the cost of administration of special  
 25 license plate programs, unless otherwise specified by law.

26 (11) Any vehicle that does not meet federal motor vehicle safety stan-  
 27 dards shall not be registered and shall not be permitted to operate on public  
 28 highways of the state, as defined in section 40-117, Idaho Code, unless oth-  
 29 erwise specifically authorized.

30 (12) In addition to annual registration fees as provided in this sec-  
 31 tion, registrants may pay a fee to purchase an Idaho state parks passport  
 32 authorizing resident motor vehicle entry into all Idaho state parks. Reg-  
 33 istrants may pay the fee for a one (1) year or two (2) year period of time.  
 34 The fee shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) for one (1) year and twenty dollars  
 35 (\$20.00) for two (2) years. All fees collected pursuant to this subsection  
 36 shall be deposited into the park and recreation fund and shall be subject to  
 37 appropriation. Fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall not be con-  
 38 sidered a motor vehicle registration fee as provided in section 17, article  
 39 VII, of the constitution of the state of Idaho.

40 SECTION 2. That Chapter 4, Title 49, Idaho Code, be, and the same is  
 41 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-  
 42 ignated as Section 49-420M, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

43 49-420M. IDAHO 4-H PLATES. (1) Any person who is the owner of a vehi-  
 44 cle registered under the provisions of section 49-402, Idaho Code, may apply  
 45 for and upon department approval receive special Idaho 4-H license plates  
 46 in lieu of regular license plates. The provisions of this section shall not  
 47 apply to any vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six  
 48 thousand (26,000) pounds. Availability of Idaho 4-H plates for other vehi-

1 cles shall be subject to the rules, policies and procedures of the depart-  
2 ment.

3 (2) In addition to the regular registration fee required in chapter 4,  
4 title 49, Idaho Code, the applicant shall be charged a fee of thirty-five  
5 dollars (\$35.00) for the initial issuance of plates and twenty-five dol-  
6 lars (\$25.00) upon each succeeding annual registration. Thirteen dollars  
7 (\$13.00) of the initial fee and thirteen dollars (\$13.00) of the renewal fee  
8 shall be deposited in the state highway account and shall be used to fund the  
9 cost of administration of this special license plate program. Twenty-two  
10 dollars (\$22.00) of each initial fee and twelve dollars (\$12.00) of each  
11 renewal fee shall be transferred by the state treasurer to the University  
12 of Idaho foundation, friends of 4-H division, and shall be used by the di-  
13 vision for 4-H youth development programs across Idaho for the purpose of  
14 funding educational 4-H events, securing supplemental resource materials,  
15 providing scholarship and leadership training opportunities and integrat-  
16 ing additional STEM-based programming into curriculum offerings to better  
17 prepare Idaho youth for future careers.

18 (3) Whenever title or interest in a vehicle registered under the pro-  
19 visions of this section is transferred or assigned, the owner may transfer  
20 the special plates to another vehicle upon payment of the required transfer  
21 fees. The owner may display the plates on another vehicle only upon receipt  
22 of the new registration from the department.

23 (4) The license plate design shall be of a color and design in accor-  
24 dance with the provisions of section 49-402C, Idaho Code. The design and any  
25 slogan on the plate shall be acceptable to the University of Idaho founda-  
26 tion, friends of 4-H division, and shall be approved by the department and  
27 shall use a numbering system as determined by the department. Initial costs  
28 of the plate program, including costs of plate design, shall be paid by the  
29 University of Idaho foundation, friends of 4-H division.

30 (5) Sample Idaho 4-H license plates may be purchased for a fee of thirty  
31 dollars (\$30.00), thirteen dollars (\$13.00) of which shall be deposited in  
32 the state highway account and seventeen dollars (\$17.00) of which shall be  
33 transferred to the University of Idaho foundation, friends of 4-H division.

34 SECTION 3. This act shall be in full force and effect on and after Jan-  
35 uary 1, 2015.